

## SHEPHERD WARNS AGAINST AMERICANS WHO TRY TO EXPLOIT FRIEDMANN TREATMENT

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Berlin, Feb. 18.—I want to issue a warning to the people of the United States, especially to the victims of tuberculosis and to those who are near and dear to them, against misleading statements and interviews which may be published in the United States, about the Friedmann tuberculosis treatment.

Of course, at this distance I can only guess what is being and will be published in the United States, but I am certain from the character, actions and talk of some of the Americans who, for one reason or another, have been here investigating the treatment, that sooner or later the newspapers of the United States will be the victims of false and misleading statements.

Since the first announcement several months ago of Dr. Friedmann's claims, three classes of Americans have been here investigating:

First, the victims of tuberculosis whose only interest has been to take the treatment and be cured.

Second, the victims of tuberculosis in whom the curative interest and mercenary interest is divided.

Third, non-victims, whose interest is altogether mercenary.

Among the last two named classes are some of the most unscrupulous men it has ever been my misfortune to meet, the kind of Americans who make one

ashamed that they are fellow countrymen.

I have in mind one man of the second class, who came from the middle west with a letter to me from a personal friend, asking me to arrange with Dr. Friedmann for treatment.

I did what I could for him, and was repaid by having him make to me the insulting proposition that he and I try to get some of Dr. Friedmann's bacilli, take it back to America and make a lot of money exploiting it.

Of course I broke off relations with him at once, and warned Friedmann against him.

It is not at all unlikely that this man, who has made himself obnoxious to everybody connected with the treatment and with whom Friedmann has broken, will get into the newspapers when he gets back to America. Whether he will denounce Friedmann as a charlatan or claim to have secured some of the bacilli is problematical.

I hold no brief for Dr. Friedmann. His seeming intention to try to make a lot of money out of his treatment is as abhorrent to me as it must be to every right thinking man. I equally abhor those of my fellow countrymen who are trying to capitalize and exploit for money Friedmann's discovery. I equally abhor those who, having tried to get Friedmann's bacilli to exploit it and having failed, are now denouncing Friedmann as a charlatan.